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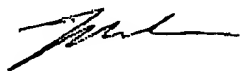
In re: Bank Card Terminal Cover

Dear Mike:

The Examiner entered our Third Amendment adding claims distinguishing the Eppich reference. However, she still refuses to allow patent coverage. She seems to be suggesting that the added claim language is still ambiguous as the Eppich references disclose a cover, which directs forces, liquids, dust and grease coming into contact with it onto the Eppich terminal independent support surface. I have submitted a quick Fourth Amendment in an attempt to avoid the necessity of an appeal including language indicating that your invention directs forces, liquids, dust and grease coming into contact with the cover onto an independent support surface not part of the terminal to prevent damage to the terminal. I also indicated that we do not want to submit color drawings and will substitute black and white drawings upon completion of the action on the merits.

If she will not budge, we will have to file an appeal on or before September 12, 2003.

Sincerely yours,



Marcus G. Theodore

Enclosures: Final Office Action
Fourth Amendment

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

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| Serial No. 09/611,073 | : | |
| Filed: 7/6/2000 | : | |
| Invention: Bank Card Terminal Cover | : | Art Unit 2876 |
| Inventor: Katsanevas | : | |
| Examiner: Lee, D.I. | : | |

FOURTH AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed 6/12/03, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

In the Drawings

Applicant intends to submit black and white drawings corresponding to the pictures of record. The requirement for formal black and white drawings is again requested to be deferred until completion of the action on the merits.

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 9 to read as follows:

9. (amended) A bank card terminal cover for bank card terminals adapted to be placed on non-integral separate support surfaces and having exterior exposed card reading slots and keyboards pervious to liquids, grease, and dust, and electrical connections, comprising:

- a. a rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust, and grease impervious top having
- b. a plurality of rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust and grease impervious sidewalls which define an open bottomed interior chamber sized and structured to fit about and direct forces, liquids, dust and grease coming into contact with the cover away from the bank card terminal and onto [when placed on] the independent support surface not apart of the bank card terminal; said sidewalls
 - i. extending sufficiently to contact the non-integral support surface not part of the bank card terminal to elevate the top of the terminal cover above and about the bank card terminal to direct the force

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